

inserted into the stator core through the slots to have both coil ends protruding from both ends of the stator core, respectively;

a rotor disposed opposite to the stator core to be rotatable;

a cooling fan for blowing air toward the both coil ends of the stator winding;

and

an elastic member disposed between the stator core and the frame to be inserted therebetween, wherein:

the conductor segments are inserted into the slots of the stator core in such a manner that, the leg parts of each conductor segment penetrate through the slots from one end of the stator core to the other end thereof, and are connected at top ends; and

the conductor segments are arranged to have predetermined clearance between adjacent two thereof at the both coil ends of the stator winding, into which air blown by the cooling fan flows, wherein:

the stator core is elastically held in the frame through the elastic member; and

the elastic member has an outer peripheral surface generally press-contacting an inner peripheral surface of the frame, and an inner peripheral surface generally press-contacting an entire outer peripheral surface of the stator core.

Please add new claim 18 as follows:

--18. The rotary electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the entire outer peripheral surface of the stator core is generally separated from the inner peripheral surface of the frame by the elastic member.--

#### REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-18 are pending. By this Amendment claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 is amended and claim 18 is added. Support for the Amendment to claim 1 may be found throughout the specification and at least at page 4, lines